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(54) **A method of manufacturing a motor-vehicle steering wheel by the moulding of plastics material so that it looks like a wooden steering wheel, and a steering wheel produced by the method.**

(57) A motor-vehicle steering wheel which is made of plastics material but looks like a wooden steering wheel is produced from a die having ribs such as to form in the moulded part indentations having a typical wood-grain pattern and arrangement. In the moulded part, the plastics material used for the moulding assumes a density of the same order of magnitude as that of a typical wooden steering wheel. A dark-coloured ink is applied to the surface of the moulded part and penetrates the indentations to give them the wood-grain appearance, the ink subsequently being removed from the rest of the surface of the part and the part then undergoing a final varnishing step.

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